

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 8, 2011

A regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on March 8, 2011, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room. Both Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction.

Mr. Dale Vetur appeared before the Council and requested that a separate meter he has at his property for an apartment that is no longer in use be removed. This request will be granted.

Heather Barron then appeared before the Council on behalf of the Bourbon Public Library for the Summer Reading Project they are planning. She asked that the Town again contribute \$250.00 towards that program, which request was approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer then appeared before the Council and presented the abatement renewal form that the Council needed to sign regarding the Bates tax abatement that has been in place. This form was approved and signed.

In response to a question from the audience, Member McFarland updated the meeting on the storm sewer grant for the Westwood Addition. The constituent was also informed about the general timeline for this project and what will be expected of the residents in that neighborhood.

The Clerk-Treasurer brought to the attention of the Council that the question on the Town's shut-off policy still needed to be resolved. The town attorney was asked to review whether a shut-off policy was already in the town's water ordinance, so that a new ordinance would have to be passed or amended if that policy was changed. Otherwise, the Clerk was directed to send a letter out to all customers indicating that shut offs in the future would be automatic if bills are not paid on time.

Roger Terry then appeared before the Council and reported on his department activities, including the delivery of the new gator and the tree-cutting program. He also reported on the street sweeping program and when it would begin again.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council and reported on his department activities, including the delivery of the new lab equipment.

Steve Duff then appeared before the Council to discuss the vacating of an alley located on his property. Member McFarland moved to start the process to vacate this alley and hold a public hearing on the same on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

Mike McFarland then appeared before the Council and reported on his department activities. He presented quotes on the fencing he had recommended for the ponds, but the Council tabled that request. The Council did approve his request for the purchase of additional pipe to be used by his department.

Police Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council to present his monthly report and to report on his department activities, including the hiring of two new officers for the department. Member McFarland moved that Rick Kanarr and Mathew Haskins be hired as full-time officers, which motion was then seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved. Chief Martin explained that the DARE program would be continued on a part-time basis by the DARE officer from Culver, that he was gathering the excess equipment of his department to deliver to the FFA auction and that he was working on the bylaws for the training program for reserve officers.

Member McFarland then brought to the attention of the Council the matter of whether department heads should be paid for attending Council meetings. He proposed that in lieu of attending these meetings, department heads be allowed to submit a written report of their activities to be submitted to the Council and that they be paid for their time, only if the Council requests that they appear at a meeting. Member McFarland moved to approve this policy, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council on the safe route to school grant and asked that the Council decide on two consulting firms to interview regarding the administration of this grant. The Council indicated to her that it should be the Kieser firm and the Yarger firm to be interviewed and the Clerk-Treasurer was to arrange for the same. The Clerk-Treasurer also brought to the attention of the Council the problem that existed with neighbors parking in the town parking slots. Mr. Keyser was asked to contact the neighbors and request that they not park in those slots so people visiting the Town Hall on town business could use those slots as intended.

Chief Martin asked the Council about an ordinance requiring people to display their house numbers visibly. He was asked to contact the 911 office to see if there was already a county-wide ordinance in place requiring that. Chief Martin also asked for authority to have his officers trade in their off-duty weapons to obtain smaller models to carry off-duty. This was approved so long as there would be no additional cost to the Town.

Mr. Keyser reported to the Council that the Eads agreements have been signed by all parties and approved by the Court. Mr. Eads has until June 1, 2011 to come into compliance with the terms of that agreement.

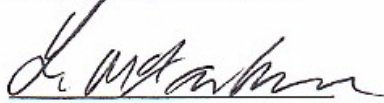
Member Wattenbarger reminded all department heads to review any excess equipment they might have that could be contributed to the upcoming FFA auction.

Member McFarland then updated the meeting on all pending grants for the Town. He also reported that the upcoming republican caucus to fill the open council position would be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

The town attorney then appeared before the Council and presented the amendments to the tree ordinance the town presently has in place. These amendments were to require home owners to trim not only trees but any other foliage that might obstruct the vision of drivers or obstruct sidewalks to pedestrians. Member Wattenbarger moved to suspend the rules so that Ordinance 2011-4 could be passed on all readings, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved. After further discussion, Member Wattenbarger then moved to pass Ordinance 2011-4 on all readings, which motion was then seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

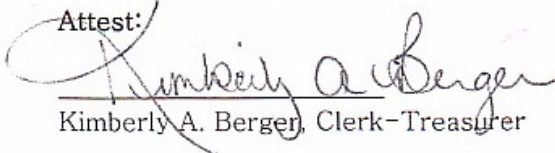
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer